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MISSOURI'S LONGEST TENURED GAMING DIRECTOR TO STEP DOWN

JEFFERSON CITY, Missouri - Kevin Mullally, who has been at the forefront of the development of casino gaming law in Missouri since its inception, announced today that he will be stepping down from his position as Executive Director to take an executive position with an independent gaming products and systems testing laboratory. Mullally is the Missouri Gaming Commission's longest serving Executive Director and previously served as its Deputy Director for Legal & Legislative Affairs.

Mullally has been one of the most influential forces in the development of Missouri gaming law, having been one of the principle drafters of the legislation creating the Gaming Commission in 1993 while serving as general counsel to Senator Harry Wiggins.

Mullally said he had devoted over 12 years of his career in a management role at the Gaming Commission, the past five as its Executive Director, and it is now time for someone else to take the

reigns. "I think over a decade of service in a leadership role in one agency is time enough for an individual's contribution. There comes a time when it is better for someone else to step forward and provide a fresh perspective. We have a great staff and there are many people here with great ideas and tremendous energy. I am grateful for the time I have been able to spend with them and I am confident they will continue to provide our citizens the same dedication, loyalty, energy and pursuit of excellence, they have so admirably demonstrated during my administration."

Commission Chairman Floyd Bartch noted that one of the many assets the Commission will lose upon Mullally's departure is his in-depth knowledge of the gaming industry. "When I was appointed to the Gaming Commission I knew I had a great deal to learn about this industry. It was not until I spent my first few weeks working with Kevin Mullally that I realized **how much** there was to learn," Bartch said. "In regard to every issue or incident in my tenure on the Commission, Kevin Mullally has been able to present a painstakingly detailed analysis of the issues in a manner that the Commission could understand and relate to. He is responsible for many of the policies that govern the gaming industry in Missouri. His knowledge of the industry and his superlative communications skills will be difficult to replace."

Mullally is perhaps best known for his work in the area of problem gambling. He is the author of the first government sponsored self-exclusion program for problem gamblers, considered by many to be a landmark innovation. Missouri's program is now the

largest of its kind in the world, serving over 9,000 problem gamblers. It has been imitated by jurisdictions throughout the world and is now considered a standard regulatory practice. It is of such importance that it is currently the subject of a Harvard University Medical School study. In addition, Mullally served as the first Chairman of the Missouri Alliance to Curb Problem Gambling and is the only person to have served as Chairman in two different terms.

Keith Whyte, Executive Director of the National Council on Problem Gambling, applauds Mullally's role in getting state regulatory agencies interested in the issue of problem gambling. "Kevin Mullally's leadership has helped change the way the regulatory community looks at problem gambling. Missouri was the first state to have a self-exclusion program and the first regulatory agency to employ a full time advocate for problem gamblers. These things have become standard practices because of Kevin's innovation and communication skills. Problem gamblers and their families owe him a great deal. We certainly wish him well in his new endeavor."

Mullally has also worked diligently with his peers in the regulatory community to build standards for best practices and assist other agencies during start-up or transition phases. He currently serves as Vice-President of the North American Gaming Regulators Association, Chairman of the Multi-Jurisdictional Internet Gambling Task Force and is the regulator representative on

the Board of Directors of the National Center for Responsible Gaming.

Upon his departure, Mullally will become the General Counsel and Director of Government Affairs for Gaming Laboratories International, the world's premier independent gaming device and systems testing laboratory. Mullally said that he was thankful that he would be able to continue his work in the regulatory community. "So many times, when someone leaves regulatory service, they do so to work for the industry they once regulated. I am fortunate to be able to continue my work as a regulator in a somewhat different role."

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